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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/773,962

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Application filed 2/6/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 2/6/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
WILSON LEE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. Claims 1-23 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art teaches the programmable multiple current source wherein each associated current source circuit of the plurality of current source circuits including the master digital-to-analog converter coupled to the current level data storage circuitry of the associated current source circuit, the driver circuit having an input coupled to the master digital-to-analog converter and the output coupled to the output terminal of the associated current source circuit, comparator and storage circuitry having the first input coupled to the peak signal output terminal of the peak detector and storage circuitry, the second input coupled to the output of the driver circuit, and the output, and current level adjustment circuitry coupled to the output of the comparator and storage circuitry and the input of the driver circuit as claimed in independent claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. The prior art made of record and relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The best consider with this application can be filed in Davis (U.S. Patent number

4,319,298), Komarek (U.S. Patent number 6,018,219) and See (U.S. Patent Application Publication number US 2003/0023884 A1).

***Information Disclosure Statement***

4. The references listed on the information disclosure statement submitted on 02/06/2004 have been considered.

***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jimmy T Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1832. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F: 9 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2800.

Jimmy Vu

September 21, 2005



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PRIMARY EXAMINER**

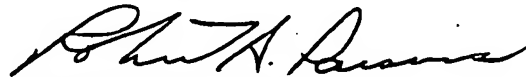
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Your applicants, Michael A. Wells and David F. Mietus, inventors of *PROGRAMMABLE CURRENT SOURCE AND METHODS OF USE*, application for which is submitted concurrently herewith (RAP Docket No. 4466-A1), as a duty of candor and good faith toward the United States Patent and Trademark Office, by and through the undersigned Attorney, hereby submit their information disclosure statement in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

Applicants are unaware of any information which is material to examination or patentability of the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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